AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend paragraph 0002 on page 1 as follows:

[0002] This application is related to the concurrently-filed U.S. application [[(Docket No. 02-4018),]] serial number [[_____]]10/685585, titled "Systems and Methods for Classifying Audio into Broad Phoneme Classes," which is incorporated herein by reference.

Please amend paragraph 0025 on page 7 as follows:

[0025] One implementation of phone class decoder 210 is described in copending U.S. Patent Application, Serial No. [[10/_____]]10/685585, entitled "Systems and Methods for Classifying Audio into Broad Phoneme Classes," filed on [[_____]]October 16, 2003. Another implementation of phone class decoder 210 is described in D. Liu et al., "Fast Speaker Change Deterction for Broadcast News Transcription and Indexing," Proceedings of Eurospeech 99, September 1999, pp. 1031-1034. The preceding two documents are incorporated herein by reference.